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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR PENDING APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)**

Dear Sir:

This is a petition to advance the examination and processing of the above-identified patent application. This petition is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Applicant believes the present invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment and materially contribute to the development and conservation of energy resources.

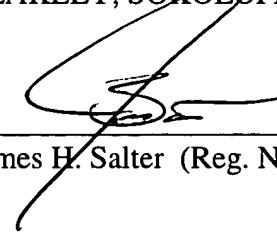
Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that examination of the present application be advanced to the fullest extent possible.

A petition fee is not required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c). If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the processing of this petition, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim H. Salter at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 3/15/, 2002


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